

Building Security

Objective:

The main objective of the United States Marshals Service and the Court Security Officers (CSO) is to maintain a safe and secure environment for everyone in the building. They need everyone's cooperation in order to achieve this very important goal.

Metal Detectors:

When you enter the courthouse you will have to go through the metal detectors that are staffed by the CSO's. In order for this to be an efficient process, please be aware of the following guidelines:

- ▶ **Picture ID** is required to enter the building.
- ▶ **No weapons** of any type are allowed.
- ▶ **No knives, scissors** or anything with a cutting edge may be brought into the building.
- ▶ **No cameras*** or cell phones are allowed.
- ▶ **Remove** jewelry, watches, large earrings, etc., and empty pockets before proceeding through the metal detector. Place these items in your bags or place them on the trays provided by the CSO before you go through the metal detector. Do not touch the sides of the metal detector as you walk through. This will save you time and prevent you from having to be scanned a second time.
- ▶ **STANDING ORDER RE: WIRELESS COMMUNICATION DEVICES.**

***Cameras & Recording Equipment** - Pursuant to **LR Civ P 83.10**, taking photographs in the courtroom or in the corridors immediately adjacent to the courtroom during judicial proceedings or during any recess and the transmitting or sound recording of proceedings for broadcast by radio or television is not permitted. Upon approval of the court and under its supervision, proceedings other than judicial proceedings designed and conducted as ceremonies, such as administering oaths of office to appointed officials of the court, presentation of portraits, naturalization proceedings, and similar ceremonial occasions, may be photographed in or broadcast from the courtroom. Pursuant to **LR Civ P 83.11**, the CSO or Marshal may impound any camera, recording, broadcasting and other related equipment brought into the courtroom or the adjacent corridors in violation of **LR Civ P 83.10**. The impounded equipment will be returned to its owner or custodian after the proceedings have concluded.